

Resolution 23-45

Testimony

I have known Richard Davis for thirty years, first meeting him when conducting a review for the National Park Service of programs in Guam, the CNMI and Freely Associated States in Micronesia. Richard at the time (1993) directed the Guam Historic Preservation Office, which in the words of the chief reviewer, William Murtagh, "was the only program to resemble that of programs on the U.S. mainland." I have since had occasion to reconnect with Richard and his wife. He lectured in the university's historic preservation program on several occasions and has been a constant source of information on Guam and Micronesia for me in my own research and writing.

Richard is an undisputed expert on historic preservation laws and procedures. He has a long history not only in Guam but with the US Army in Hawai'i and I count him as one of the most knowledgeable cultural resource management (CRM) experts in the state. He is honest, unbiased, and reliable in every way. I was delighted to see his name among those nominated for the City & County's new board. I believe that he would serve Honolulu well and provide some true authority on the board. Without hesitation I give him my very strongest -- unreserved-- recommendation.

For the Council's information, I am the present Vice Chair of the Hawai'i Historic Places Review Board and was previously Chair for an eight-year period. I am the Interim Dean of the School of Architecture and also Director of the university's Graduate Certificate Program in Historic Preservation. I have taught at UHM for thirty years and was the third recipient of the Historic Hawaii Foundation Franke Haines Award for Lifetime Achievement in Historic Preservation.

Thank you for receiving this testimony on behalf of Richard Davis.

Ke aloha,

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